ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ZAMI has been successful in developing a number of community partnerships, which have been important for making possible programs and activities related to its mission. Some highlights follow:

- Awarded eight scholarships of $1,000.00 each to Black lesbians enrolled in Georgia colleges between 1997 and 1999. ZAMI is the only Black lesbian organization in the country to award scholarships. (ZAMI will award 7 scholarships of $1,000.00 in 2000);

- Co-sponsored pivotal events for the Atlanta metro area lesbian, gay and bisexual community including:

  - The Atlanta Premiere of *A Litany for Survival: The Life and Work of Audre Lorde* with Emory University Office of Lesbian/ Gay/ Bisexual / and Transgendered (LGBT) Life;

  - A reading by lesbian activists and organizers, *Mab Segrest, Minnie Bruce Pratt and Suzanne Pharr* with Southerners on New Ground (SONG) and Charis Circle;

  - A reading on the work of Pat Parker, Black lesbian feminist poet, in conjunction with Charis Circle, Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative, and the First Existentialist Congregation; and

  - The first lesbian and gay Black History Celebration at Spelman College with a number of like-minded community groups;

  - A forum on homosexuality and spirituality with Afrekete, Spelman College's lesbian and bisexual student group

  - (A workshop with Afrekete presented by the Chrysalis Project – a project of the Feminist Women's Health Center, which addresses gynecological health issues for young lesbian, bisexual and questioning women); and

  - A workshop on lesbian battering with the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence.

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- Launched an outreach program for lesbian and bisexual women in the Atlanta University Center

- Hosted a weekend retreat for its members on internalized homophobia

- Hosted a weekend workshop on leadership development for young lesbian and bisexual women of color

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- Presented a reading on the work of Pat Parker, Black lesbian feminist poet, in conjunction with Charis Circle, Atlanta Lesbian Cancer Initiative, and the First Existentialist Congregation; and

- Participated in the first lesbian and gay Black History Celebration at Spelman College with a number of like-minded community groups;

- Co-sponsored a forum on homosexuality and spirituality at Spelman College with Afrekete, Spelman College's lesbian and bisexual student group

- Organized (A workshop with Afrekete presented by the Chrysalis Project – a project of the Feminist Women's Health Center, which addresses gynecological health issues for young lesbian, bisexual and questioning women); and

- Sponsored a lesbian trivia show with Fourth Tuesday, ALCI, Sister Outsider, and Afrekete as participants and

- Developed a workshop on lesbian battering with the Women's Resource Center to End Domestic Violence.

- ZAMI's Executive Director joined the Executive Director of the Gay and Lesbian Community Center as grand marshals at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade and were the first out black queers to ever speak at the rally.

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Some of these requests include a call from Atlanta's Rainbow House, a shelter for homeless lgbt youth, to mentor two young black lesbian residents; a request from a DeKalb County